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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: SECOND COMMITTEE: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON  
THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD" (AGENDA ITEM 59(F))

1. SUBJECT DRAFT RESOLUTION, CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENT  
A/C.2/31/L.58, IS SET FORTH AS PARAGRAPH TWO. REQUEST  
DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS.

2. QUOTE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITES FOR DEVELOPMENT  
UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

AUSTRIA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, IRAN, JAMAICA, JORDAN, KENYA,  
NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, TUNISIA, UNITED  
REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, URUGUAY, AND YUGOSLAVIA:  
DRAFT RESOLUTION

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON MEASURES AND  
MODALITIES TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE PREPARATION, SUPPORT AND FINANCING  
OF AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, 1/ ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL  
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DECISION 178(LXI) OF 5 AUGUST 1976 ON AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR

OF THE CHILD AND A FURTHER REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL 2/  
PREPARED IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
COUNCIL,

RECOGNIZING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE IN ALL COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING  
AND  
INDUSTRIALIZED, OF PROGRAMMES BENEFITING CHILDREN NOT ONLY FOR THE  
WELL-BEING OF THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO AS PART OF BROADER EFFORTS  
TO ACCELERATE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS,

RECALLING IN THIS CONNECTION ITS RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV) OF  
24 OCTOBER 1970 CONTAINING THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME  
OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
ORDER, AND 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT AND  
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION,

DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT, IN SPITE OF ALL EFFORTS, FAR  
TOO MANY CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ARE  
UNDERNOURISHED, ARE WITHOUT ACCESS TO ADEQUATE HEALTH  
SERVICES, ARE MISSING THE BASIC EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR THEIR  
FUTURE AND ARE DEPRIVED ON THE ELEMENTARY AMENITIES OF LIFE,

CONVINCED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD COULD SERVE  
TO ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTRIES TO REVIEW THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR  
THE PROMOTION OF THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND TO MOBILIZE  
SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL AND LOCAL ACTION PROGRAMMES ACCORDING  
TO EACH COUNTRY'S CONDITIONS, NEEDS AND PRIORITIES,

AFFIRMING THAT THE CONCEPT OF BASIC SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IS A  
VITAL COMPONENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THAT IT SHOULD  
BE SUPPORTED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMUNITIES,

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE YEAR 1979 WILL BE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AND COULD SERVE  
AS AN OCCASION TO PROMOTE FURTHER ITS IMPLEMENTATION,

AWARE THAT, FOR AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD TO BE  
EFFECTIVE, ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND THE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT  
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OF GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC  
WILL BE REQUIRED,

1. PROCLAIMS THE YEAR 1979 THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;
2. DECIDES THAT THIS YEAR SHOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL  
OBJECTIVES:  
(A) TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN

AND FOR ENHANCING THE AWARENESS OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN  
ON THE PART OF DECISION-MAKERS AND THE PUBLIC;

(B) TO PROMOTE RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT PROGRAMMES FOR  
CHILDREN SHOULD BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT PLANS, WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING, IN BOTH THE LONG  
AND THE SHORT TERM, SUSTAINED ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT  
OF CHILDREN AT THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS;

3. URGES GOVERNMENTS TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS AT THE NATIONAL  
AND COMMUNITY LEVELS TO PROVIDE LASTING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE WELL-BEING

OF THEIR CHILDREN, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THOSE IN THE MOST  
VULNERABLE AND PARTICULARLY DISADVANTAGED GROUPS;

4. CALLS UPON THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS AND ORGANIZATIONS  
OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREPARATION  
AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR  
OF THE CHILD;

5. DESIGNATES THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AS THE LEAD  
AGENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM RESPONSIBLE FOR CO-ORDINATING  
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND  
AS ITS CO-ORDINATOR;

6. INVITES NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC  
TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD  
AND TO CO-ORDINATE THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR THE YEAR AS FULLY  
AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY AT THE NATIONAL LEVELS,

7. APPEALS TO GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS OR  
PLEDGES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD THROUGH THE UNITED  
NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND TO ENSURE THE ADEQUATE FINANCING  
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OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREPARATION AND CARRYING OUT OF THE YEAR;

8. EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE PUBLIC WILL RESPOND GENEROUSLY WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE YEAR AND, THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AND OTHER CHANNELS OF EXTERNAL AID, TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR SERVICES BENEFITING CHILDREN;

9. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-SECOND SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT ITS SIXTY-THIRD SESSION, ON PROGRESS IN PREPARING FOR THE YEAR, INCLUDING ITS FINANCING.

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